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INTERNATIONAL LABOUR SUMMIT
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the details of issues deliberated upon during the International Labour Summit held in Geneva;

(b) the resolutions passed in the said summit;

(c) whether any action plan has been formulated for employment generation and poverty alleviation during the summit; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (d) : The 88th Session of the International Labour Conference (ILC) held in Geneva from30th May to 15th June, 2000 discussed inter-alia:-

(1) The Global Report entitled `Your voice at work` under the followup to the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work.
(2) Maternity Protection.
(3) Safety and health in agriculture.
(4) Human Resources Training and Development.
(5) The Reports on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations and
(6) Withdrawal of 5 Conventions of the ILO.

The Conference adopted a Convention and Recommendation on Maternity Protection revising theexisting ILOinstruments o n the subject. The new instruments strengthen protection over previous instruments in many areas and broaden the scope of coverage. On the question of safety and health in agriculture, the Conference adopted certain conclusions with a view to adopt a Convention and a Recommendation in the 89th Session in 2001. The discussion on Human Resources Training and Development led to the conclusion that the ILO should revise the ILO Recommendation No.150 concerning Human Resources Development.The Conference also decided to withdraw five obsolete International Labour Conventions.

The Conference adopted a Resolution which suggests a series of measures to compel the Governmentof Mayanmar to comply with ILO Convention No.29on Forced Labour. The Conference also adopted a Resolution on HIV AIDS that urge the Government and social partners to expand the capacity of the social partners to address the pandemic to protect groups at risks and formulate and implement social and labour policies and programmes to mitigate the effects of AIDS at national and enterprise level.

While discussing the Report of the Director General in the Plenary of theConference, visiting Ministers and Delegates from several countries emphasised the importance of employment and the need to combat poverty. However, no specific plan of action was formulated by the Conference for employment generation and poverty elimination.